

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 23 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected claims 1, 7-12, and 16-23, and objected to claims 2-6, and 13-15.

Allowable Subject Matter

At item 6 on page 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-6 and 13-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been rewritten in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 14 and 15 and canceled claims 2, 8 and 13. Accordingly, applicants believe that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims and issue an early Notice of Allowance.

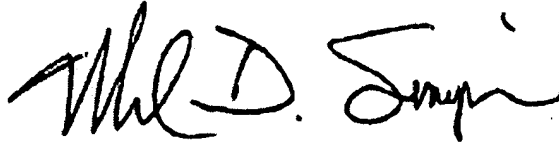
Enclosed herewith, in duplicate, is a Petition for extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or

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Respectfully submitted,

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